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SUBJ: UN CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC) - S&T PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. AN EXTENSIVE SERIES OF PARALLEL TECHNOLOGY MEETINGS WAS HELD UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE ARGENTINE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE UN TCDC. THE AIM OF THE TECHNICAL MEETINGS WAS TO SUMMARIZE THE ARGENTINE TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS AND TO REVIEW THE VARIOUS MECHANISMS FOR THE UTILIZATION OF OTHER COUNTRIES DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF BROAD COOPERATION.

2. THE MEETINGS COVERED FOUR AREAS: TECHNOLOGICAL; CONSULTATION; FINANCING AND HUMAN RESOURCES. THE TECHNOLOGICAL MEETINGS INCLUDED PARTICIPATION BY THE NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (CNEA); NATIONAL BOARD FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH; NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, HYDRO SCIENCE AND TECHNIQUES; NATIONAL BOARD OF SPACE RESEARCH; NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE
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AND THE STATE MINING SECRETARIAT.

3. THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS WERE COVERED BY THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK AND BY THE FEDERAL INVESTMENT COUNCIL, BOTH OF WHICH SEEK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE FROM THE NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTES, AND PROVIDE CAPITAL FOR BOTH LARGE AND SMALL ENTERPRISES. THE NATIONAL

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TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY PROVIDES TRAINING FOR ENGINEERS AS IN INPUT TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE ARGENTINE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF CONSULTANTS ESTABLISHED FOR OVER 20 YEARS IS AN ORGANIZATION OF GROUPS OF ARGENTINE CONSULTANT COMPANIES OPERATING ON A PERMANENT BASIS IN THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF ENGINEERING, PLANNING AND TECHNICAL PROJECTS, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONSULTING, ETC. THE AIM IS TO PROMOTE CONSULTANT ACTIVITY, BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPHERES TOWARD FULFILLING NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES.

4. THE MOST INTERESTING AND PRODUCTIVE PARALLEL SESSIONS WERE PRESENTED BY THE TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS. EACH AGENCY GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF ITS PROGRAMS AND FOLLOWED WITH INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS ON THE TECHNICAL PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT BY THE ORGANIZATION. THESE PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE ON THE BASIS OF HOW ARGENTINE TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS BOTH NATIONAL AND PRIVATE COULD COOPERATE WITH OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS BY PROVIDING THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OR MATERIALS NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, ARGENTINA IS THE MOST ADVANCED LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND THE CNEA MADE THE PRINCIPAL PRESENTATION OF THE SESSIONS CONCEN-TRATING ON ARGENTINA'S ABILITY IN THIS FIELD BOTH IN RESEARCH AND POWER PROGRAMS. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT UNCLASSIFIED

THE COUNTRY HAS A TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE FOR THE NEEDS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DIFFERENT FROM THE TECHNOLOGY OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. CNEA GAVE PERU AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESEARCH REACTOR FOR TRAINING WHICH IS ALREADY IN OPERATION. OTHER SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WERE ALSO EITHER COMPLETED OR IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETION WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN, EUROPEAN, AFRICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES, CONSOLIDATING A HORIZONTAL TECHNOLOGICAL COMPLEMENTATION WITH DEVELOP-ING COUNTRIES WHICH, ACCORDING TO CNEA MAY REPLACE MANY OF THE VERTICAL RELATIONS PROPOSED BY THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

5. ANOTHER EXCELLENT PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (INTI). THESE SESSIONS INCLUDED HOW THE INTI COMPLEX OF OVER 40 LABORATORIES AND INSTITUTES COULD PARTICIPATE IN COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SUCH FIELDS

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AS METROLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION IN INDUSTRY, QUALITY CONTROL FOR TOOLS, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, MANUFACTURING OF FISH PRODUCTS AND DAIRY AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY.

6. CONICET (NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL) PRESENTED ITS ROLE IN UPDATING TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTES IN AREAS SUCH AS CHEMISTRY AND PETROCHEMICALS, APPLICATION OF ISOTOPES GO GEOLOGY, HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING AND HIGH TENSION TRANSMISSION.

7. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF METEOROLOGY WAS DISCUSSED BY THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE AND POSSIBLE PROJECTION OF ARGENTINE METEOROLOGY AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MINING PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION WAS PRESENTED BY THE FEDERAL MINING DEPARTMENT.

8. THE NATIONAL BOARD OF SPACE RESEARCH (CNIE) GAVE ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING PRESENTATIONS COVERING ARGENTINE ABILITY IN THE SPACE FIELD RELATING TO
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TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATION OF AUTOMATIC PLATFORMS FOR SATELLITE DATA COLLECTION SYSTMES PROGRAMS, DEVELOP-

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MENT OF SOUNDING ROCKETS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC RESEARCH
OF NATIONAL RESOURCES, ARTIFICIAL WEATHER
MODIFICATION SUCH AS ANTI-HAIL DEFENSE AND REMOTE
SENSING SURVEY AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS SYSTEMS.
IN THIS REGARD ARGENTINA NOW RECEIVES LANDSAT IMAGES
FOR STUDY OF FARMING EXPLOITATION AND GEOLOGICAL
TECTONIC STUDIES. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
CONSTRUCTING A LANDSAT FIELD STATION UNDER AN
AGREEMENT WITH NASA.

9. IN ADDITION, AN EXCELLENT
TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER OF SOME 25 STANDS
WAS IN OPERATION AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER WITH
REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS
TEXTILES, MILITARY FABRICATION, CHEMISTRY AND
PETROLEUM, METALLURGY, FOOD PROCESSING, AERONAUTICS
AND ELECTRONICS.

10. ARGENTINA HAS A SOUND TECHNOLOGY BASE, WELL
INTEGRATED WITH ITS FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND
EDUCATIONAL CENTERS AND HAS MUCH TO OFFER DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN INDUSTRIAL EXPERTISE AND TECHNICAL
TRAINING.

11. DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS AND SCIENTISTS
AND TECHNOLOGISTS AT THE PARALLEL MEETINGS IN THE
INSTITUTIONS AND THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER
SHOWED A REAL DESIRE FOR INCREASED S&T COOPERATION
WITH USA IN ORDER TO AUGMENT THEIR EXISTING
TECHNOLOGICAL BASE AS AN INPUT TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT,
THE KEY TO WHICKLLIES IN IMPOROVED MANAGEMENT AND
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SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

12. ARGENTINA IS ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR THE UN
CONFERENCE ON S&T FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BE
HELD IN VIENNA IN 1979 AND GOA S&T OFFICIALS
FEEL THE TCDC AND THE PARALLEL SESSIONS EREE
AN IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL LINK WITH THE VIENNA
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